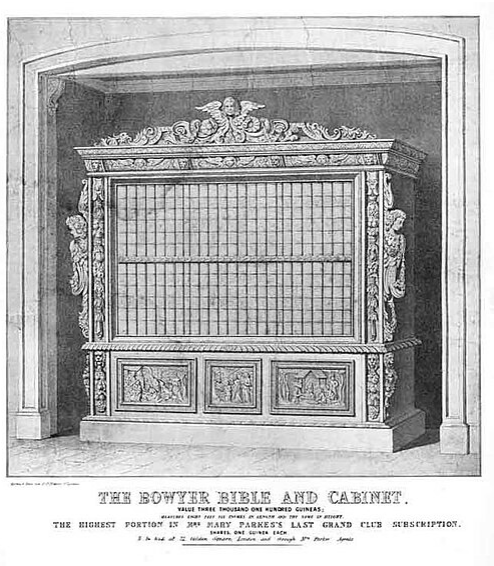
Bowyer Bible

The ***Bowyer Bible*** is a 45-volume edition of the Macklin Bible created by Robert Bowyer between 1791 and 1826. Only a single copy of the Bowyer Bible exists. Robert Bowyer created this Bible by disassembling his own copy of the Macklin Bible and adding additional prints and drawings to it before having it rebound. Bowyer also had a bookcase designed and made special to house the 45 volumes of his Macklin Bible.



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Currently, the Bible and its bookcaseis owned by the Bolton Council and is in the collection of Bolton Museum in England.

Background and Description

As did other owners of the Macklin Bible, Bowyer disassembled his copy and inserted additional illustrations and prints before having the Bible rebound.[1]. The Bowyer Bible is the most famous Bible resulting from this process.[1] Bowyer worked on his Bible for upwards of 30 years starting in 1791, adding more than 6,200 additional different prints and around 200 of the original drawings and vignettes completed by Philip James de Loutherbourg created for the Macklin Bible.[1][2]

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